

Do **YOU** or a **FAMILY MEMBER** have a severe or developmental disability?

A severe or developmental disability is defined as a mental or physical impairment likely to continue indefinitely.

The impairment results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following major life activities:

- Self-Care
- Receptive and Expressive Language
- Learning
- Mobility
- Self-Direction
- Capacity for Independent Living
- Economic Self-Sufficiency

TENNESSEE FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

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About the Program

The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Family Support Program is designed to assist individuals with severe disabilities and their families to remain together in their homes and communities.

The program is funded by the State of Tennessee.

The counties we serve are Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea and Sequatchie.

Services

The primary purpose is to support:

- Families with children with severe or developmental disabilities, school age and younger
- Adults with severe or developmental disabilities who choose to live with their families
- Adults with severe or developmental disabilities who are residing in the community in an unsupported setting (not a state or federally funded program)

A key element of the Family Support Program is family and consumer involvement. Local councils have been established and meet on a regular basis to oversee the distribution of funds.

How can Family Support help?

Funding is provided for services/ supports, such as:

- Respite care
- Personal assistance services
- Before/After care
- Child/Adult daycare
- Dental care
- Homemaker services
- Minor home modifications and vehicular modifications
- Specialized equipment
- Health-related costs
- Behavior therapy
- Recreation/Summer camp

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